



Newsletter

Webinar: Review of Common Enrollment Deficiencies

On May 9, 2012 at 1pm there will be a webinar discussion on the most frequent enrollment deficiencies being found on past and new enrollments. Forms will be discussed including the new Average Soil Rental Rate Calculations. A Q&A session will follow. **Details on how to participate and an agenda regarding this webinar are attached.**

CREP Process Will Simplify With Step-By-Step Memorandums

With the reopening of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) in December 2010, there have been many changes to streamline easement processing. Once all required documents have been submitted online and IDNR's review is complete, the SWCDs will be guided through the final six steps of process by a series of memorandums. These memos will assist with exactly what scope is needed, one step at a time including: ordering title commitments, reviewing/clearing exceptions with "schedule B" within the title commitment, ordering surveys, updating title and vouchering for closing, preparing easement documents, and closing.

SWCDs To Refund Seat Fee

During fiscal year 12 the NRCS sent invoices to SWCDs announcing seat fee expense per year. In turn, CREP eligible SWCDs vouchered IDNR for this expense as covered in the Intergovernmental agreements. These vouchers were processed and funded by IDNR to the requesting districts.

After the seat fee money was paid to the SWCDs, the NRCS canceled the requirement of payment. To date, these funds have been held by the SWCDs.

IDNR will formally be requesting the return of these funds, to be held at Cass County SWCD. Checks will need to be made payable to Cass County SWCD with a notation on seat fee repayment. These funds will be used for future CREP related expenditures on private lands.

Special Point of Interest:

EASEMENT DOCUMENTS ARE NOW
AVAILABLE ON THE
DATABASE

<http://d422450530/crepenroll>